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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	
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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS)	
FOR MOLDING AN UPPER AND)	
A LOWER MOLD HAVING NO)	
FLASK (AS AMENDED))	

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Please change the title as it appears on the cover page on the PCT International
Application as follows:

~~METHOD OF FORMING MOLDING FLASK LESS, UPPER AND LOWER
MOLDS AND DEVICE THEREFOR~~

A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOLDING AN UPPER AND A LOWER
MOLD HAVING NO FLASK